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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Third Missouri District Held in This City Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

One of the most successful conventions of the 3rd Missouri district of the Christian Endeavor society ever held was the one in this city Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday, the delegates were met at the depot with cars by the reception committee and taken to the homes where they had been assigned. The largest delegation coming from Kansas City in special coaches. The afternoon services were attended by about 100 delegates besides large numbers of visitors and from that on to the end of the convention every meeting and conference was fully attended by young men and women, all anxious to be doing something for the cause.

During the convention there were most excellent addresses by Dr. Abernathy, of Kansas City; Rev. C. G. Partridge, of Excelsior Springs, L. K. Lanning, state secretary of the Christian Endeavor societies; Miss Dora Cummings, of St. Louis, State junior superintendent; Rev. Dr. Lowe, of the Missouri Valley College, whose address on "Paul" was one of the best heard in this city for a long time, besides talks and addresses by the pastors of the local churches. The work of the orchestra was a great help to the work of the meeting and the songs of the quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mooney, Mrs. Fred Williams and Mr. Fox and the duets by Mr. WeMott and Mrs. Reed were much appreciated by all who were so fortunate as to hear them. Saturday afternoon the delegates were treated to a box lunch at Christy's lake and that night a banquet was given at the Inn to the retiring and incoming district officers. The dining room of the Inn as well as the table was artistically decorated in the colors of the society and many compliments were heard on the work of Mrs. Smith in the preparation and service at the banquet.

The closing meeting was addressed by Rev. C. G. Partridge, of Excelsior Springs and in response to his appeal for life service recruits 30 responded.

The societies of the Presbyterian and Christian churches were the hosts and so well was the work

planned that not a hitch occurred during the three days. The visitors were promptly taken to the homes to which they had been assigned and at the close of the Sunday night meeting taken to the depot where they took the trains for their homes, every one of them with a good opinion of the hospitality of Butler people. The convention committee officers were Mrs. Fred Williams, chairman; Miss Alice Seese, assistant; Miss Edith Glenn, secretary, and Miss Birdie Silvers in charge of the entertainment committee.

At the election of officers the following were elected for the ensuing year: Alford Dorvitt, president; Mrs. Fred Williams, county and alumni chairman.

The Butler societies wish to extend their thanks for the many helps that the people of Butler of all denominations, freely gave. Those who opened their homes for the entertainment of the delegates, those who donated the use of their automobiles, and the merchants who decorated their stores and places of business.

Busy Times With The Odd Fellows.

On Monday night, June the 21st, representatives from all of the lodges in the county met with the local lodge and it was decided to hold a county Odd Fellows Picnic in Butler on July 20th. The boys' band, boys' quartette and girls' quartette from the home at Liberty, accompanied by the Grand Officers and Past Grand Pritchard of Webb City, Mo., will be part of the attractions at this picnic which will be a basket dinner and supper, music, singing, speaking, etc.

Grand Instructor Colonel Harry A. Collins, of Lamar was present Monday evening and the local lodge conferred the First Degree on a candidate for the Rich Hill lodge. Bates Lodge No. 180 has the best degree staff in southwest Missouri and their work is always pleasing.

Forecasts \$20 Price for Cattle.

Chicago, June 16.—Higher meat prices in the near future were predicted Wednesday by Everett C. Brown, president of the National Livestock exchange, at the annual meeting of that organization. "I predict that top cattle will sell at \$20 a hundred by November 1," he said. "Mutton, however, may drop in price."

SPENCER WANTED IN, TOO

Also Asked for Some of Lowden Money, Babler and Morse Say.

St. Louis, Mo.—Jacob L. Babler, national committeeman for Missouri, and E. L. Morse of Excelsior Springs, Mo., who jointly handled \$38,000 of the Lowden campaign fund in Missouri, are authority for the statement that upon the suggestion of Senator Selden P. Spencer they had arranged to "get him some" of the Lowden funds for his campaign when the senate committee's investigation intervened and stopped the negotiations with L. L. Emmerson, Lowden's campaign manager.

Morse and Babler declare Spencer told them he would like to have the money for his campaign and asked them if they thought he could arrange it. They told him, both said, that they thought the matter could be arranged. Subsequently, they say, Louis P. Aloe, a member of the Spencer finance committee, took the proposition up with them to furnish money to Spencer's campaign committee. The sum Morse and Babler mentioned as the amount they were to get for that purpose from Emmerson was \$2,000.

None of the Lowden campaign funds were received by them, according to Morse and Babler, for use in Spencer's campaign. They attributed this to the organization of the senate committee for the investigation of presidential expenditures, of which Senator Spencer was appointed a member.

Aloe vigorously denied that he had been instrumental in any arrangement to get money from Lowden's campaign manager for Spencer's campaign, but he admitted that Babler is a member of Spencer's finance committee and had contributed \$100 and collected \$200 to aid in the movement for Senator Spencer's renomination. The fact that Babler was a member of Spencer's finance committee has not hitherto become public.

"That I ever discussed with Morse and Babler the getting of \$2,000 of Lowden funds for Spencer's campaign is absolutely false," said Aloe. "Mr. Babler, however, did contribute \$100 to Senator Spencer's campaign fund, and agreed to raise \$200 more," Aloe said. "He attended a meeting of about a dozen men at which each pledged himself to raise \$300 for Spencer's campaign expenditures."

Judge Henry S. Canfield, Spencer's city campaign manager, said Babler had paid in \$300 to Spencer's campaign fund. He said some of the other members of the finance committee for Spencer are Julius C. Birge, A. N. Edwards, C. H. Duemert and L. A. Sturdevant.

"That's just a plain lie," said Canfield, when advised of the statement made by Babler and Morse. "They are just sore because Senator Spencer is a member of the senatorial committee probed the expenditures of Lowden and caused his defeat at Chicago."

Aloe and Canfield's admission that Babler is a member of the Spencer finance committee and had contributed or collected \$300 for Spencer's campaign definitely links up Spencer with Morse, Babler and the leaders who handled the Lowden funds in Missouri.

According to "Liv" Morse, the campaign waged in Missouri with the \$38,000 of Lowden's fund had for its purpose the following definite political program:

1. The election of Lowden delegates.
2. The re-election of Babler for national committeeman.
3. The nomination of Senator Spencer.

The campaign, Morse said, was waged throughout Missouri with the three-fold purpose in view. Morse said Spencer was made the beneficiary of the movement for Babler and Lowden.

Spencer was endorsed in seven or eight congressional conventions of the state, and in the third Missouri district, in which Morse is political chairman, Spencer was approved for re-election.

Babler engineered the indorsement for Spencer in the third district, added Morse.

The delegates to the congressional conventions in which the district delegates to the national convention were selected were carefully hand-picked by the Lowden-Babler forces and all, or nearly all of them, were favorable to Spencer, Morse said.

W. T. Ragland for Supreme Judge.

(From Paris Mercury.) The announcement of Judge William T. Ragland for the Democratic nomination for Division One of the Supreme Court to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Bond, is welcomed by the lawyers and people generally of this section of the state.

They became acquainted with his legal ability, sterling character and fine qualities as a man and citizen during his nine years service on the bench of this circuit, and will be glad to support him for the high honor which attaches to membership on the Supreme Bench.

Judge Ragland was born on a farm in Marion County, Missouri, in 1866, attended the common schools, and while a mere youth took a course in the Kirksville Normal School to prepare for teaching. He taught for a number of years in Monroe, Ralls and Mercer counties, and then attended the Washington University Law School in St. Louis.

Locating at Monroe City, he rapidly built up a practice, was for a number of years city attorney, and was then elected to the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Monroe county, where he served two years with distinction, earning a reputation for careful preparation and close attention to details in the handling of all legal business.

In 1910 he was elected to the circuit bench of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, then composed of the counties of Marion, Monroe, Pike and Ralls, and was renominated and reelected in the circuit as now constituted without opposition, in 1916.

His record on the circuit bench is without a blemish. He was upright and fearless, but considerate of lawyers and litigants and of all who came into his court. Applying practical methods, he secured the prompt transaction of the business of his court, thereby saving the county as well as litigants, many dollars. As trial judge he was able and scholarly, quick to grasp a point and as quick to decide it, but the equities of the case always appealed to him strongly, and he brushed aside mere technicalities in the interest of right and even-handed justice. These qualities gained for him the good will, as well as the respect and admiration, of all.

In April, 1919, he was elected by the Supreme Court of Missouri as a commissioner of that court, and is now serving as such.

The many opinions written by him as Commissioner are logical and well considered, are characterized by brevity and clearness of expression, and reveal a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the law. His satisfactory work as Commissioner is the best evidence of his qualifications and fitness for membership on the Court.

He is in the prime of life, physically and mentally, and thoroughly equipped to meet the responsibilities devolving upon a member of the Supreme Court, and will from every viewpoint be a desirable candidate and add strength to the Democratic ticket.

There are persistent rumors in Holland that the former German emperor has been assaulted by a Belgian, who showing a forged pass gained admittance to Doorn castle. It is asserted that the ex-emperor was wounded in the jaw and that the Belgian was arrested.

HOW MISSOURIANS ENJOY SELVES ON THE WAY TO FRISCO

Hellman Describes Scenes on Special Somewhere in Kansas.

By Sam Hellman, special correspondence in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

On board Missouri Convention Special somewhere in Kansas, June 22.—This is supposed to be a special train loaded down with specially trained Democratic politicians, but you would never know it.

Over in a corner sits Mike Arenas with a grandchild on each knee and another opposite him explaining the interior construction of a doll. Across the way is Lawler Daley trying to get a cinder out of his daughter's eye.

Joe Davis is telling his wife about Yellowstone Park and the wonders she will see if the native sons overlook enough of his bank roll to permit the expedition. In the drawing room David R. Francis is telling some funny stories about Russia and Gov. Gardner is waiting impatiently to launch a cargo of his own.

Judge Graves is handing down some weighty decisions about the Kansas wheat crop and the service in the diner, and Mike Kinney, a novice in the law profession is listening with rapt attention of one widely interested in bucolic and gustatory affairs. Mike always was a good listener.

The women delegates are having an interesting discussion about the latest development in hatwork and hem-stitching and whether or not a 2-year-old child ought to be allowed to eat meat in the evening.

And that is the way they act on a political special. No doubt the general impression has been that the day is made up of heated arguments, swapping of votes, poker playing and ribald mockery of Mr. Volstead, but, as far as we have gone, a delegation of the ladies auxiliary of the Epworth League would be an aggregation of rogues compared to the mild-mannered civility of this craft.

However, there is some little talk about politics, platform and presidential possibilities. None of the delegates seem wedded to any particular candidate, although Palmer, Cox and McAdoo are the most often mentioned. This crowd refuses to take seriously the protestations of the last named that he is not in the race despite the fact that Jett Shouse has assured it in person that McAdoo would not take the nomination if it were offered to him.

Palmer's strength seems to be of the character that will evaporate after the first few ballots. Judge Graves, for example, plans to be for him at the start, but will probably shift to Cox in case the Ohioan shows something. The women and the out-of-town delegates are manifesting considerable friendliness for Palmer and McAdoo, while the Jackson County and St. Louis delegates are almost a unit for Cox.

The Governor's supporters seem to have the best line of argument and they may win over most of the delegates before the train gets to San Francisco. They point out that Cox is popular in Ohio and can easily beat Harding, who is not well liked in his home state, and that he is certain to get the usual Southern vote and that his liberal views will swing New York, New Jersey, several of the New England states, California and Indiana. The fact that he has not been tied up to the Wilson administration is also regarded as a favorable factor by his supporters.

The more astute of the politicians abroad are inclined to the belief that there will be a long deadlock in the convention, and in that event they look for the nomination of Marshall. The Vice President, it is declared, is just the type of man who is called upon in case of a snarl. He is popular, has made no enemies and many friends in the past seven years, and comes from Indiana, a strategic state. Cox or Marshall say the wise ones. Despite the fact that the Indian is liberal in his views, it is believed that Bryan would not oppose him in case of a long, drawn-out battle.

Ambassador Francis in a quiet way is trying to boost the stock of John W. Davis, but the trouble with the West Virginian lies in the fact that he is little known out in the country. Some of the delegates confuse him with Henry "Gasaway" Davis of the same state and others never heard of him except for a statement printed in the Globe-Democrat that the New York Times was for him.

In case Champ Clark is placed in nomination, and he probably will be, the early Missouri vote will go to him. There is no one here, however, who believes that he has the slightest chance in getting the nomination. There is little talk about Reed and what he is likely to do on the convention floor.

The general impression seems to be that the action of the Missouri State Convention will be upheld by the Credentials Committee in San Francisco. As a matter of fact, the crowd on the special is far more interested in the trip that they are in the party gathering.

National Committeeman Goltra, assisted by Joe Davis, is in charge of the train, and everything has been arranged in excellent style. There are six Pullmans, two diners and an observation car.

Tomorrow morning at 7 a stop will be made at Glenwood Springs for an hour to permit the delegates to take

a bath. When Missouri Democrats come to a convention they come clean.

The next day a three-hour halt will be made in Salt Lake for an organ recital in the Tabernacle. There doesn't seem to be any wild demand on the part of the men for the recital, but the women folks are running this train, let there be no mistake about it. About half of the delegates have their wives with them and in many cases their children.

Butler Team Wins First Game of the Season.

The 1920 baseball season was started with a win for the home team Sunday when they were on the long end of a score of 10 to 5 in the game with Greenwood. By the time "Shorty" Long called "Play Ball" about all of the space in the park was filled with fans, all pulling for the home team. Orear pitched one of his good games and the boys from Greenwood were able to do but little with his offerings while with their errors and the hits the home boys were getting off their pitcher he was never in danger.

As this was the first game of the season for the home team it was natural that many errors and misplays were made, but the team is a good one and as soon as they round to true form will put up some high class ball playing. Luscomb, last year's catcher, has been employed for this season, but was unable to play Sunday on account of an injured hand, but will be in the line-up next Sunday when the fast Ft. Scott team will be the attraction. In the absence of Luscomb, Loyd, of Foster, performed in an acceptable manner behind the bat. Jimmie and Walter Williams, who have been attending the State University, Walter being a member of the Varsity team, are home for the summer and both played their usual fast game both in the field and on the bases. Chris Black got the first home run of the season when he poked one of the Greenwood pitcher's best to deep left field. Fred Hupp started the game at first, but Jimmie Williams took his place and finished the game when Fred hurt his hand trying to get a wild throw. Come out and see them beat Ft. Scott next Sunday.

Death and Ruin in Wake of Quake in South California.

Los Angeles, June 22.—Seven buildings at Inglewood, a Los Angeles suburb, are in ruins with damage running into many thousands of dollars, one woman is dead from fright and several persons injured as the result of last night's earthquake which shocked Southern California, according to a survey of the situation made today.

The woman who died from heart failure was Mrs. Ella Sippy, 60, of Venice, Cal. She started to run when the tremor rocked the earth under her at 9:58 last night and dropped dead from exertion and shock.

Minor damage was done in Los Angeles, mostly to chimneys and plate glass windows which crashed under the quake. The damage in Inglewood was to business buildings chiefly, including the big Edison Electric plant. The buildings collapsed in nearly every instance under the roll of the earth.

The duration of the shock was from a few seconds in some parts of the trembler zone ranging to almost a minute in the center, which was Inglewood. No damage of consequence was reported from any other section and the quake was not felt as far north as Santa Barbara, 100 miles away.

John Stangel a Candidate for Sheriff.

John Stangel, of Osage township, has made his formal announcement as candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff.

Mr. Stangel has been a resident of Bates county since the early nineties and is well known to the voters.

He grew to young manhood on a farm and when he located in Bates county he settled on a farm and engaged in farming for several years. He later removed to Rich Hill, where he engaged in mining and for a time worked at the smelters, where he was superintendent at the time they were closed down.

Mr. Stangel served as constable for Osage township for three terms and was on the Rich Hill police force for one year. He was deputy sheriff under Sheriff Bullock and served as deputy under J. W. Baker, the present incumbent. He has at all times filled the offices he has held, fearlessly and efficiently.

In 1910, he made the race for the Democratic nomination for Recorder of Deeds, but while in the large field of candidates, was defeated, he loyally supported the ticket and made a strong fight for his successful opponent at the election.

Mr. Stangel has always been a straight, loyal Democrat since attaining his majority.

Water Well Turns to Oil.

Hume, Mo., June 17.—A water well, dug on the farm of J. G. Holland, a mile northeast of here, about a year ago, suddenly began producing oil, several days ago. The well had been dug to supply water for stock, and when a farmhand went to the pump last week he was surprised by a stream of crude oil. The well is situated on a 600-acre tract of land, and others wells in the vicinity show traces of oil. It is 260 feet deep and has not been shot.

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